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FROM THE PRESIDENT
DR. JAY ALLEN

When I joined the Itawamba Community College family on July 1, 2017, I had read and heard from my counterparts about the place I now call home.

Their words were not adequate to describe the Itawamba Junior College/Itawamba Community College that has meant so much to you through the years. It has been an experience beyond anything that I could have imagined.

The presidents before me established and continued to build upon a solid foundation that not only provides the BEST education for a life journey, but also an incredible student experience, lasting friendships and memories.

In celebrating our 75th year, we have reflected on what IJC was then and what ICC is now. Most of all, we have lived the memories, which have enabled us to see the "then" and "now." We are excited about our journey into the future. We have only just begun.

On many days, my calendar is a blur. There are meetings, appointments, presentations, visits and interactions with colleagues. Add to the mix, days and nights of legislative lobbying, and last, but not least, spending quality time with my family. The busyness of our "business" is anything but boring. It makes us, Itawamba Community College…the BEST, as we have been since 1948.

I know each day that we are on the frontline of helping people realize their potential: academically, personally and professionally. Our alumni are a testament to our success because your story is our story.

As we have entered 2024, the calendar pages are turning rapidly. Before I know it, my seventh anniversary will dawn. Today, I have a better understanding of the Itawamba Community College I have heard and read about. It is so much more than the word pictures my colleagues shared. It is my home, and I am so appreciative that I took this journey to be with you. I look forward to the BEST that is yet to come.

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A MESSAGE FROM *the Alumni Association*

JOHN LEE LYLES
PRESIDENT

The calendar pages have turned rapidly this year. Can you believe it, it's 2024!

As of this writing, during the past month, we've had spring, fall, winter and almost summer. As they say, "welcome to Mississippi weather!"

Soon, spring will be here and winter, a memory. Everything in nature is in a state of transition, and that energizing feeling of renewal overflows into everyday life as well. Before we know it, graduation and the completion of degrees at ICC will lead to new jobs, promotions and opportunities for some and a transition to a university for others. An early congratulations to the Itawamba Community College class of 2024!

If you didn't make a resolution when the calendar page changed to January to join the Itawamba Community College Alumni Association, it's not too late! Benefits of membership are many, but the BEST of all is your opportunity to stay connected with the BEST two-year educational institution anywhere. ICC isn't just bricks and mortar and beautiful landscaping, but its heart is the people such as you and I who have experienced ICC/IJC and made lasting friends and memories. Almost every day we see people who share our love of this college that has made such a lasting impact on us and our futures.

As I understand, plans are being made to make our Alumni Association more personal by "visiting" those of you who are in the five counties that ICC serves, and possibly, establishing alumni chapters in those areas. We hope that this new year will bring those opportunities.

I am so honored to continue to serve as your Alumni president. We appreciate the opportunity to stay connected with you through the pages of our official magazine.

Reconnect with ICC…The BEST Start(ed) Here!

MEET YOUR ALUMNI BOARD

Front, from left, Karen McFerrin, Tammy Harrington, Dr. Amanda Summers, John Lee Lyles, Richard Davis, Noel McWhirter.
Middle, Melba Applewhite, Gary Walker, Jamie Osbirn, Joey Cox, Donna Thomas.
Back, Jim Ingram, Walter Chittom, Michael Upton, Chuck Howell, Bobby Mooneyham, Bunky Goza, Jeff Cagle, Rep. Bill Miles, Dan McCrimon.
Not pictured: Stacy Chapman, Michelle Sutton, Monica Aldridge, Robert Goza

Welcome new board member, Brandy Evans!

The ICC Alumni Association welcomes Brandy Evans of New Albany as a new member of the Board of Directors as an Out-of-District Representative. Brandy is a graduate of Mantachie High School, Itawamba Community College and the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson. As a student at ICC, her activities and honors included Hall of Fame 1997, *Mirror*, Phi Theta Kappa (officer), Indian Delegation, Science Club, Resident Assistant, Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges, President's and Dean's Lists, National Dean's List and All-American Scholar.Evans (RPT, CKTP) is a physical therapist with the Regional Rehabilitation Center in Tupelo. She is married to Dr. Lance Evans, New Albany Superintendent of Schools, and they have two daughters.

A MESSAGE FROM *the Foundation*

BUDDY MONTGOMERY
FOUNDATION CHAIR

As I looked out the window this morning, I noticed bare tree branches have green shoots. It must have happened overnight.

With "spring in the air," you can smell the popcorn and hear the sounds of the crowds at softball and baseball games cheering for the Indians. Coming soon are golf tournaments and tennis matches. Spring will turn to summer and then it will be "back to school" and the sounds of cheers on the sidelines at football games.

Our College leaders are ensuring that ICC has the BEST facilities, and with limited budgets, it's not easy. We have the Davis Event Center (a long way from the old gym that has been torn down), a Soccer complex, and work is now nearing completion on a 6,000-square-foot facility for softball and tennis.

ICC's student-athletes devote countless hours into practice, games, academics and becoming team members and bonding because many of those on the roster or in the lineup haven't played that sport together before.

As has now become the norm at four-year schools, there is no NIL for community college student-athletes, so I just wanted to share an option that could help all of ICC's athletic programs (baseball, men's and women's basketball, football, golf, men's and women's soccer, softball, men's and women's tennis and volleyball).

As you will see among the pages of this magazine, our Indian Club supports ICC's athletics. Through its efforts, more than 200 male and female student-athletes not only have the opportunity to represent ICC on the field, court and pitch, but also to receive an unparalleled education that will develop them into leaders of tomorrow.

Gifts to the Indian Club provide funds so that they can participate in projects above and beyond current budgets.

The dollars that we give to our ICC Foundation are an investment, whether they be for scholarships, general support or to our I Club. Together we are making a difference in the lives and futures of those who devote countless hours in representing our college. Please join me in "giving back" to them and ensuring that they have the BEST opportunities.

MEET YOUR FOUNDATION BOARD

Front, from left, Rayburn Parks, Dr. Jason Digby, Sandi South, Juanita Floyd, Teresa Hooker, Rubye Del Harden, Jim Ingram.

Back, Michael Upton, Buzzy Mize, Ernie Joyner, Chuck Howell, Dr. Dick White, Jerry Robbins, Buddy Montgomery, Ronnie Boozer, Tommy Chamblee, Jerry Reese.

ICC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Active membership in the ICC Alumni Association enables you to contribute to almost every part of the College while keeping alumni and friends connected to ICC. In return, the Association provides you with a host of benefits, including

- Subscription to The Connection magazine
- Opportunities to have your class notes, births and weddings in The Connection
- ICC Alumni Association auto decal
- Free admission to ICC athletic events
- Discounts to ICC Bookstores
- Discounted membership to the ICC Fitness Center
- Use of the ICC Libraries and their resources
- Making a difference at ICC by supporting your alma mater

Celebrate the past, embrace the future.

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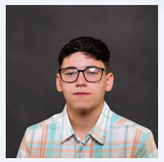

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GILMORE FOUNDATION HEALTHCARE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Holly Carrington

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Caden Cates

DR. MARSHALL E. HOLLIS ENDOWED PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP

Quen'Darrius Chandler

THE NEXT LEVEL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Connor Coker

ALVIN ASHMORE MEMORIAL ENDOWED PHARMACY SCHOLARSHIP

Kell Coker

EMILY LODEN-JONES FORESTRY ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

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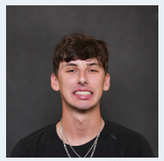

Stone Collier

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Reeves Crowder

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Sammie Day-Jones

LINDA KAY GILREATH SCHOLARSHIP

Madison Dillard

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Kaley Dora

ANN STUBBLEFIELD GIBBS ENDOWED HONORARY SCHOLARSHIP

Angelia Duke

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Ramsey Eskew

MARANDA DARLENE RAY LITTLE MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Alyssa Farley

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Emilie Flanagan

TISHOMINGO COUNTY ACCESS INITIATIVE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

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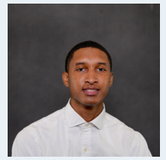

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Kaley Gholston

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Emma Glover

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Landon Glover

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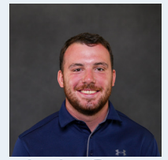

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Dorien Griffin

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Holly Guin

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Makennah Guin

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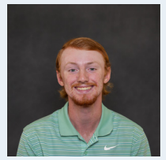

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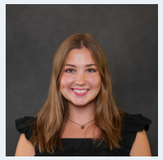

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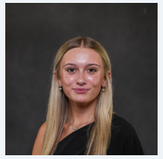

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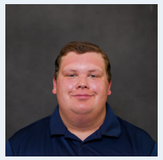

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LINDA KAY GILREATH SCHOLARSHIP

Khenyia Williams

JIMMIE UVAL AND HILDA CRANE MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

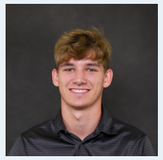
Whitt Willis

THE REV. DR. ROY H. AND DORIS FINNEY RYAN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Armani Wilson

AT&T ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Brantley Wiygul

DUDLEY MILLER MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Avery Wolfe

OUIDA KENNEDY MCDANIEL ACADEMIC ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

Jantzen Woodard

MISSISSIPPI MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

LEGACY DONOR DINNER

11.08.2023

GAMEDAY FESTIVITIES

RED ZONE TAILGATE

75TH ANNIVERSARY TAILGATE

CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY

HERO APPRECIATION NIGHT

UPCOMING EVENTS

Softball Alumni Day (tentative) – April 20

Baseball Alumni Day – April 27

CHOP Day – April 27

Golf Team Golf Tournament – May 17

Football Team Golf Tournament – June 21

HOME SWEET HOMECOMING

ABOVE

Members of the 2023 Itawamba Community College Homecoming Court include, front, from left, Jolie Bishop of Amory, Fulton Campus Sophomore Maid; Hayes Merritt of Millport, Ala., King; Emma Mask of Plantersville, Queen; Aubrey Eaton of Woodland, Fulton Campus Sophomore Maid; middle, Ryleigh-Kate McVay of Houlka, Tupelo Campus Sophomore Maid; Madison Williams of Drummonds, Tenn., Fulton Campus Freshman Maid; Macy Dean of Tupelo, Tupelo Campus Freshman Maid; back, Lucy Vaughn of Nettleton, Tupelo Campus Sophomore Maid; Jasmier Coleman of Pontotoc, Fulton Campus Freshman Maid; and Nealee Turner of Tupelo, Tupelo Campus Freshman Maid. They were presented Oct. 5 during halftime of the ICC-Mississippi Delta game, at 7 p.m. at Eaton Field at the Fulton Campus.

2023 ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Ret. Col. Sheldon Morris

Morris, who is the executive vice president for programs at Delta Health Alliance, completed 22 years of honorable service as the Military Deputy Director for the Army Profession and Leadership. He began his career in the 3rd Brigade, 1st calvary Division at Fort Hood, Texas. A 1997 graduate of ICC, he earned the bachelor's degree from the University of Mississippi and the master's degree from the U.S. Army's Command General and Staff College. His activities at ICC included wide receiver for the football team (statistician during his red-shirt year), Fashion Tribe, Baptist Student Union and Gospel Sounds. His honors include multiple awards and distinction from the U.S. Army. In 2010, Morris was named the Ole Miss Alumni Association's Outstanding Young Alumni Award recipient. He served on the Ole Miss Alumni Board of Directors from 2018-20. He and his wife, Chelsea, have two children, Lauren and Dylan.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Anthony Brock

Brock earned the associate's degree from ICC and the bachelor's degree at the University of Alabama. A member of the ICC men's basketball team, he also played at the University of Alabama. Brock was named National Junior College Athletic Association All-American second team in 2008. His 36 points in a game against Copiah-Lincoln led to ICC's winning its first state championship in 40 years in the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges Tournament. He went 10 of 11 at the free throw line in that win. He was the Region 23 Player of the Year and was selected to compete as a member of the North Team in the MACJC All-Star Basketball game. Brock served as head coach and trainer for Team Arkansas, which he also organized. In addition, he hosts Skills and Drills youth camps. He and his wife, Lora, are the parents of Miyah Brock and Ely Blair Brock.

David Schumaker

Schumaker, who attended ICC from 2008-10, earned the bachelor's degree from Atlanta Christian College. His work history includes The Little Tree Preschool and Head Start Preschool. Schumaker played soccer at ICC, where he was nationally ranked (top 2) in goals, assists and points during both years and earned All-Region 23 Player of the Year honors. In 2007, he was first in career assists (as well as four in one match) and career points as well as goals, assists and points in a season. He ranked no. 2 with 31 career goals. Additional honors included top three finish in scoring, points and assists in the nation in his final season at ICC. His team was the first in program history to receive votes in the NJCAA poll, best winning percentage in program history for a season, most wins and fewest losses and a team-record 73 goals and 68 assists. Schumaker was invited to play overseas. He and his wife, Bethany Warren, are the parents of Austin, Abbey and Alexis.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Thomas has been a member of the ICC family for more than 50 years, serving as producer of an adult education newspaper, which was distributed throughout Appalachia; continuing education director; journalism instructor; director of media relations; director of public relations and currently, director of communications. She has been the adviser for both the *Chieftain*, college newspaper, and the *Mirror*, college yearbook, which have won multiple awards from the Mississippi Press Association. Thomas is secretary of the ICC Alumni Association and treasurer of the College Public Relations of Mississippi, from which she has received numerous awards. She earned the associate's degree from Northeast Mississippi Community College and the bachelor's degree from the University of Mississippi. In May, she was presented ICC's first Golden Employee Award.

Donna Thomas

YOUNG ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Linkie Marais

Marais has been a yacht chef/private chef/travel chef since 2018. She also conducts demos and cooking classes/appearances at high-end events around the country and is an influencer for Big Green Egg. Noteworthy events in her career include finalist on Food Network Star season 8, feature in People Magazine, FireMasters Season 3, menus and desserts for Barack Obama and John McCain during the 2008 presidential debate, lunches for Colin Powell, the 80th birthday cake for Franki Valli and contracts on the yacht of Jack Nicklaus and other high-end customers. Marais earned the associate's degree from ICC and the bachelor's degree from MUW. Her ICC activities were Indian Delegation, Dance Line, CenterStage, choir, Miss ICC pageant and the 2004 Homecoming Court. She is engaged to Justin Flanagan.

ASHLEY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

CONTINUES TO ENHANCE EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

FOUNDATION DONATES $500,000 TO ITAWAMBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR COMMERCIAL TRUCK DRIVING

Itawamba Community College's Commercial Truck Driving program will benefit from a $500,000 donation from the Ashley Charitable Foundation (ACF), a nonprofit organization founded by Ashley Furniture Industries, LLC and committed to supporting education and workforce development, presented Oct. 24 at the Tupelo Campus.

Among those participating in the event were Ron Wanek, Founder and Chairman of Ashley Furniture Industries, and Dr. Jay Allen, President of Itawamba Community College. The presentation also included a special congratulatory video by Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves. This contribution marks ACF's continued dedication to partnering with higher education institutions to drive growth in the workforce.

"Itawamba Community College exemplifies successful educational programs that adequately equip students to enter the workforce," Wanek said. "We strongly believe in providing individuals with opportunities in the areas of STEM, and our partnership with Itawamba aligns perfectly with this vision." Wanek said that Ashley started in a 35,000-square-foot facility in Ecru with 35 employees and has had a strong presence in the state since 1994. "Mississippi is the best place to do business. We appreciate growing in Mississippi." The facility has expanded nine times, and Ashley now has plants in Ripley, Verona and Saltillo. Wanek noted that Ashley is the number one furniture manufacturer in the world and the number one furniture store in the United States."

In addition to the partnership with Commercial Truck Driving Technology, Wanek said that he expects collaboration with ICC in the areas of artificial intelligence and automation, which will require different skill sets. We are passionate about the furniture industry, and we continue to invest."

ICC also facilitates internships and apprenticeship opportunities with companies such as Ashley Furniture Industries, further preparing students for successful careers.

The funds from the Ashley Charitable Foundation will be used to further enhance infrastructure at ICC as it continues to expand its Commercial Truck Driving program with the construction of a new driving range just across the street from the Tupelo Campus, Allen said. Additional phases will include the construction of a storage facility for training equipment and phase three, a state-of-the-art training lab and garage.

"After years of productive conversation with Mr. Wanek and his outstanding team, we are honored to accept this donation of a half million dollars to the ICC Foundation, Inc.," Allen said. "This significant contribution marks a pivotal milestone in the growth and development of our institution. It is a testament to the enduring commitment of our community and industry partners to the success of our students and the advancement of our programs. Those community partnerships allow us to expand educational opportunities not only for our students but also for all in our region and beyond. These collaborations will enable us to offer a broader range of programs, training and resources that directly address the needs of our local job market. We can ensure that our curriculum is aligned with the skills and knowledge that are in demand, ultimately preparing our students for successful careers."

ICC's Commercial Truck Driving program prepares individuals to drive Class A semitrucks and other commercial vehicles and is designed to give the future driver a complete and thorough knowledge of logbooks, trip records and the motor carrier safety regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration.

In his congratulatory remarks, Gov. Reeves expressed appreciation to the Ashley Charitable Foundation, Ashley Furniture Industries, LLC and Itawamba Community College. "I'm excited to congratulate Itawamba Community College on receiving this incredibly generous donation from Ashley Charitable Foundation for your Commercial Truck Driving program…a big thank you to Mr. Ron and the entire team at Ashley Furniture for making this incredible investment into one of our state's amazing community colleges…Your generosity has truly moved us all. To ICC, I am confident that today's investment will help strengthen your efforts in meeting the needs of your communities. Mississippi has seen tremendous success due in large part to our community colleges and our workforce development efforts. These opportunities and investments aren't just helping us succeed in the present, but they are helping us to build a long-term pathway to more comprehensive training and business opportunities. In short, we are just getting started.

"There is no question that our trucking industry will see the positive benefits from this historic donation for generations to come…Thank you, all, for helping to make this state that we love an even better place." GOV.TATE REEVES

ITAWAMBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

METALLICA SCHOLARS

"Five years in, with the help of community colleges across the country, we are helping people fill these essential jobs which require skills and training. We are so proud and grateful that we can facilitate this program."

LARS ULRICH
METALLICA

Metallica's Foundation, All Within My Hands, continued its multimillion dollar investment in critical workforce programs at community colleges nationwide. Among the schools, Itawamba Community College was selected from a competitive pool of applicants in August to receive $100,000 to transform the futures of students in the community.

"It is a tremendous honor for Itawamba Community College to be selected as one of the recipients of the prestigious All Within My Hands grant, which will significantly impact our career education programs, providing funding for students to pursue a pathway and their best start," said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen. "It's another indication of the success of the College and reinforcement of the mission that students and their success are our top priority."

The Metallica Scholars Initiative (MSI) was launched in 2019 by Metallica's Foundation, All Within My Hands (AWMH) in partnership with the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). The workforce initiative marks its fifth year with an ambitious expansion into new curricula. MSI now directly supports 42 community colleges across 33 states, and by the end of this year, it will have helped over 6,000 students pursuing careers in the trades. To date, Metallica and AWMH have invested over $6 million in the American workforce.

"The Metallica Scholars Initiative is so important to us because we are seeing results," said Lars Ulrich of Metallica. "Five years in, with the help of community colleges across the country, we are helping people fill these essential jobs which require skills and training. We are so proud and grateful that we can facilitate this program."

Reaffirming a commitment to career and technical education at the local level, each new school brings incredible opportunities to a thriving and growing community.

"The Metallica Scholars Initiative is a strong and cooperative assemblage of the nation's best community colleges, creating a supportive climate for participants to communicate directly and share best practices," said Peter Delgrosso, AWMH Executive Director.

Metallica's All Within My Hands grant is making possible a free class in welding, which began at the Belden Center last October.

The curriculum for the first eight-week term included introduction to welding I and introduction to STEM. The second phase classes, which began in January, are shielding metal arc welding and full-online entrepreneurship and principles of marketing.

Members of ICC's Orientation Leaders, who assist with recruiting initiatives, include from left, Ally Thompson of Amory, Brandi Deloach of Caledonia, Natalie Ryals of Kosciusko, Braiden Holcombe of Vina, Ala., Aubrey Eaton of Woodland, Whitt Willis of Amory, Jasmier Coleman of Tupelo, Hayes Merritt of Millport, Ala., Addison Pletzke of Clinton, Knox Waterer of Belden and Alea Hudson of New Albany.

ENROLLMENT INCREASE

Itawamba Community College ranks among the leaders in the state in full-time enrollment for the 2024 spring semester, according to figures recently released by the Mississippi Community College Board.

With spring enrollment at 4,476 at the end of the 10-day reporting period, figures from spring '23 to spring '24 show a 7 percent increase in headcount and a 9.7 percent increase in FTE with a second-place ranking.

However, ICC had the largest percentage increase than any other community college in the state when reviewing combined FTE increases for fall '23 and spring '24.

The increase can be attributed to multiple factors, according to ICC President Dr. Jay Allen, including the addition of state-of-the-art Magnolia Hall for honors students and student leaders, an enhanced emphasis on activities, expanded free personal orientation sessions and the transition to the schools of approach to enable student connections both to their field of study and their peers.

"This is very exciting news," Allen said. "The increase in the number of students that ICC is serving is significant because we have additional opportunities to provide a solid educational background and the best start for those in our five-county district and beyond. Because of the dedication of ICC's faculty and staff, our Board of Trustees and external funding support, we continue to provide an affordable and quality option,

"Having an attractive, comprehensive student activities program plays a major role in recruiting students to attend ICC and subsequently an opportunity to retain students once they enroll." DR. BRAD BOGGS

which has been documented in the naming of ICC as one of the top 150 community colleges in the nation for 2025, 2023 (one of 25 semifinalists), 2021, 2019, 2017, 2015 and 2013. In addition, the work of our recruiters, enrollment services and community relations team has contributed to this consistent increase in enrollment."

In comparison to all other higher education options in the state, both public and private, ICC has the second lowest cost of tuition and cost of tuition and fees combined. While the updated enrollment figures include online, academic and career education classes, it does not include workforce totals, which are not measured on a semester basis, Allen said.

Over the last few years, ICC has offered an enhanced schedule of student activities. "Statistics show that the more students are engaged, the more successful they will be in the classroom," according to ICC Vice President of Student Services Dr. Brad Boggs. "Having an attractive, comprehensive student activities program plays a major role in recruiting students to attend ICC and subsequently an opportunity to retain students once they enroll." The renewed emphasis on student activities includes opportunities for both traditional age students as well as adult learners at all three locations – Fulton, Tupelo and Belden – based on listening to the college's students and staff and providing programs/events that are of interest to all.

In addition, ICC has transitioned to a Schools of approach to group like majors into a cohort to enable students to connect better with their selected field of study as well as those in the same area, such as academic transfer and career education.

Allen also noted that the data from the Institutions of Higher Learning shows that ICC produces graduates that when they attend any of the state's eight universities, they generate the second highest number of bachelor's degrees by transfer students. They also graduate with a higher GPA than the student who started at the university.

"We are always excited to hear that more students have chosen to become a member of our special ICC family," said Michael Holloway, director of Recruitment and Orientation. "I truly believe that ICC provides the best instruction in academic transfer, career education and health sciences programs. We pride ourselves on having something for everyone, both in and outside the classroom. The many resources available to students at the Fulton, Tupelo and Belden locations enhance the overall student experience and help our students achieve success, both in academics and life. From the first time a student arrives to an ICC location or starts one of our fully-online programs to the day they complete their degree or certification and walk across the stage at the Davis Event Center to take the next step in their life journey, ICC provides wraparound services throughout the entire process."

TAG TRUCK CENTER DONATION

TAG Truck Center Tupelo (TAG Tupelo) facilitated the donation of a rolling chassis training aid to ICC's Diesel Equipment Technology program for hands-on training while studying chassis repair during its core diesel curriculum.

The chassis, originally used in Daimler Truck North America's Service Training Academy, was in Tooele, Utah and was due for placement at a college or school which applied for it and would use it for training purposes. TAG Tupelo provided the logistics and transportation costs to have it delivered to ICC's diesel shop.

"Our program's partnership with TAG Tupelo is strong, and we thank them and Higgins Logistics for facilitating this donation. It will allow for practical hands-on experience for our Diesel Equipment students, which is vitally important for their knowledge growth," said Jason Gholston, director of ICC's Diesel Equipment Technology program.

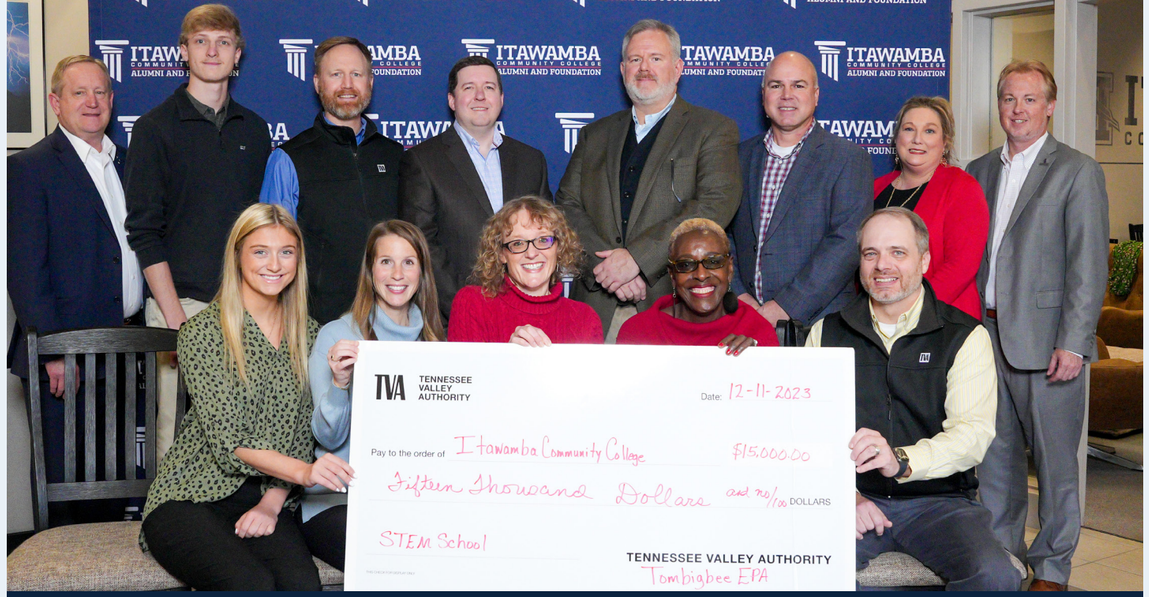
ICC's Diesel Equipment Technology program, which was created in 1985, is an instructional program that prepares students with competencies required to maintain and repair a variety of industrial diesel equipment. The program includes instruction in inspection, repair and maintenance of engines, power trains, hydraulic systems and other components. Since its inception, the program has graduated more than 500 participants.

TAG Tupelo has been a member of ICC's Diesel Advisory Committee for more than 10 years and sponsored the program into DTNA's GetAhead program in August of 2017. There are currently five diesel technicians who graduated from ICC's Diesel Equipment Technology program employed at TAG Tupelo, four of them through the apprenticeship program.

"ICC's Diesel Equipment Technology program sets the pace in teaching future technicians the fundamentals of commercial and diesel truck repair. This chassis donation only reinforces our commitment to the trucking industry and its up-and-coming technicians," said Brian Austin, General Manager of TAG Truck Center in Tupelo.

BOWER FOUNDATION AWARDS $44,00

Itawamba Community College received $44,000 from The Bower Foundation to support students for fall 2023 and spring 2024 for the Advancing Mississippi's Healthcare Workforce Bower Foundation awards. Grant funds can be used for housing, utilities, tuition, books, scrubs, school supplies, childcare, fees and services related to test success, licensing and certification to include psychometric testing, test success courses, licensure prep courses, background checks, drug tests, licensure or certification fees, travel and accommodations to testing locations that require an overnight stay. The awards are made possible by a generous donation from The Bower Foundation in partnership with ICC to assist motivated, financially challenged students in achieving their career goals as a nurse in the healthcare industry. The targeted needs-based funding allows students to pay for expenses they incur as a nursing student and encourages them to continue their educational journey.



ITAWAMBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S SCHOOL OF STEM
WILL BENEFIT FROM A $15,000 CONTRIBUTION FROM THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

"Because of TVA's generosity, ICC's students, who are majoring in STEM-related areas, can experience a weather balloon experiment and a mobile planetarium, both significant additions to our curriculum and opportunities that will enhance learning," said Dr. Jada Mills, Natural Science division chair and one of three lead contacts for the School of STEM.

"Our mission at TVA is to improve the lives of those in our region," said Carolyn Ward, Community Relations specialist. "One of the ways we are able to make an impact is funding contributions through our partnership with Tombigbee Electric Power Association, and we are incredibly thankful for their support. We know that STEM learning prepares students to be the workforce of tomorrow – preparing them for steady, good-paying careers that will see them through a lifetime of prosperity right here in Mississippi. I am proud that TVA played a role in bringing STEM exposure to Itawamba Community College, which will help to create a powerful workforce in the future."

The Weather Balloon Research Opportunity will be connected with Mills' Special Topics in Biology course, and the students will learn how to conduct research. "We hope to have a community event later this spring for final launch as well as another opportunity so STEM students can present their research to others," Mills said.

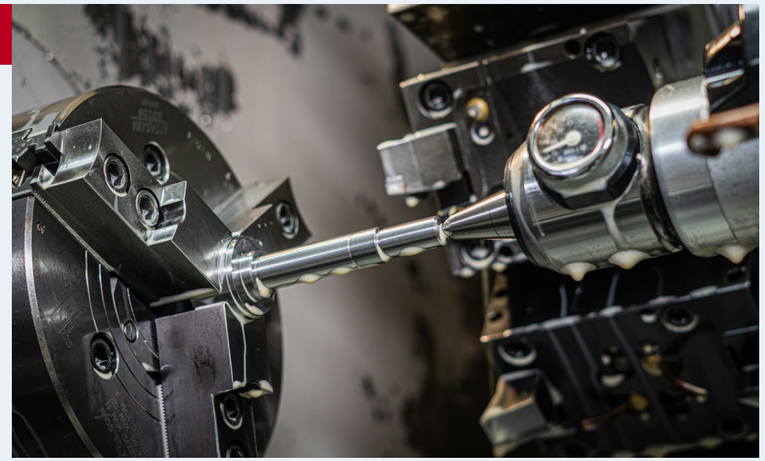
The project includes general information about weather balloons, determining the purpose of the experiment, deploying the weather balloon at the Fulton Campus and collection and analysis of data. Mills said that the planetarium STEM opportunity will include STEM Week; afternoon planetarium sessions rotating at all ICC locations, including Fulton, Tupelo and Belden; STEM camp and a recruiting tool for the School of STEM. "We hope to host community STEM events and allow our STEM students to volunteer, narrate and be part of this exhibit," Mills said. "A large part is sparking an interest in STEM at all age levels."

Currently, STEM at ICC includes the School of STEM, STEM Club and experiential learning, Mills noted.

"Tombigbee for 90 years has been proud to work to better our region and the lives of our members," said Scott Hendrix, chief executive officer for Tombigbee Electric Power Association. "Certainly, to foster educational opportunities in conjunction with TVA and ICC is a large part of that mission. We hope with grants such as this to enrich the lives of our students and give them science and technology opportunities ultimately encouraging them to stay in our region."

"Itawamba Community College is extremely grateful to the Tennessee Valley Authority and Tombigbee Electric Power Association for this significant contribution that will make a difference in the lives of many of our students who are now able to explore STEM areas and are now seeing evidence of its translation into more majors and more graduates in these fields," said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen. "It will be exciting to see the integration of a weather balloon and planetarium into STEM instruction and activities."

ICC'S PMT PROGRAM RECEIVES $20,000
GENE HAAS FOUNDATION GRANT



Itawamba Community College's Precision Machining Technology program has received a $20,000 grant from the Gene Haas Foundation.

According to Dylan Baldwin, ICC's dean of Career Education, the funds are being used for financial aid for several students. "We appreciate very much the investment by the Haas Foundation in ICC's Precision Machining Technology program," Baldwin said. "Not only is it an investment in the program, but it is an investment in the futures of our students."

In 1999, Gene Haas formed the foundation, which bears his name because he grew up with a strong social conscience instilled by his family. It was initially designed to fund the needs of the local community. Haas Automation is now a billion-dollar company. The focus of the foundation has shifted to the current outreach and methodology. Its purpose is to introduce students to careers in machine technology and manufacturing, to build skills in the machining industry and to help military veterans enroll in programs that train them to become skilled machinists.

ICC's Precision Machining Technology program is designed to prepare individuals for various-level positions in precision high-tech manufacturing. It includes instruction and practice in manufacturing techniques and processes such as standard conventional machining, computer-numberical-control machining and computer-aided design and manufacturing. Students develop skill sets that are valued by manufacturers nationwide and validated by national accrediting agencies such as the National Institute for Metalworking Skills and the National Association of Manufacturers.

"We would like to thank the Gene Haas Foundation for their generous contribution and support of our program," said Jerry Pettigrew, instructor. "This grant will be used to help offset some of the financial burdens of these students, and for this, we are extremely grateful."

Connecting GENERATIONS

At the February 26 basketball game, 2024 Mr. ICC Whitt Willis visits with the 1950 Mr. IJC Dr. Roy Ryan and his wife, Doris. Whitt coincidentally is also the 2023-2024 recipient of The Rev. Dr. Roy H. and Doris Finney Ryan Endowed Scholarship from the ICC Foundation, Inc.

75 YEARS

ITAWAMBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE Diamond Gala

Benefiting ICC Foundation, Inc. Scholarships

Itawamba Community College and the ICC Foundation sponsored a 75th Anniversary Diamond Gala, October 14, 2023. The event, which raised more than $100,000 to benefit ICC Foundation Scholarships, was the culmination of the college's 75th birthday celebration. Attendees enjoyed dinner, music, dancing and opportunities to reminisce about the college's history. We are grateful to everyone who attended, as well as all of our event sponsors.

Virginia Jackson

WORK OF 94-YEAR-OLD AND ONE OF ICC'S FIRST STUDENTS FEATURED IN GALLERY EXHIBIT

Virginia Jackson of Tupelo didn't start painting until she was 91, when her daughter, Jill Jackson King, bought her a set of acrylic paints.

However, her first recollection of an interest in art was when she received a box of Crayola crayons at the age of five. She recalls coloring the embossed flowers on doilies (small napkins or decorative mats). Now 94, Jackson describes herself as self-taught and paints most scenes from memory. Most of her paintings are landscape scenes of farm life and "pretty flowers," but she experiments with abstracts, also.

That led Jackson, one of the members of ICC's first class, to her recent show, "The Gift of Life," a collection of her paintings, at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center Gallery at the ICC Fulton Campus. Included were her acrylic paintings of landscapes and country scenes as well as two acrylic paintings by her granddaughter, Morgan Davis.

She was born Virginia Anthony in 1929 in her family's home outside of Tremont. Her father built their house and raised crops, cattle and hogs on their farm during the Great Depression. Growing up, she helped on the family farm as most children were expected to do. She said that since the county didn't have electricity, the chores and reading were done by the light of kerosene lanterns.

Jackson entered Itawamba Junior College in 1948, where she said that she was the first woman to enroll after its official accreditation and its doors opened. "The bus would pick us up from Tremont High School (where she graduated in 1947) and take us to IJC," she said. "The classrooms held about 25 students, and the campuses would be unrecognizable to anyone today. ICC is the greatest thing that ever happened to Itawamba County. It gave us so much opportunity and was affordable." Jackson said that she took primarily business and secretarial courses. It was also during that time that she met her husband of 52 years, Lelon, who died in 2001. He enlisted in World War II, stationed in Britain, and participated in day three of the Normandy invasion. After his tenure in the armed forces, he received five Bronze Stars and was awarded a Silver Star for his service. By trade, he was a cattle auctioneer, and Virginia Jackson helped him with bookkeeping and secretarial duties. They later worked alongside L.D. Hancock in the fabric business and settled in Longview, Tex. In 1973, the Jacksons moved back to Mississippi to help care for their parents.

While her work was on display, Jackson had the opportunity to visit with ICC Chief of Staff Tyler Camp, who presented her with a key to the college in honor of her status as a member of the first class.

SPRING ATHLETICS

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FOUR

ITAWAMBA BASEBALL

JAN. 31	BEVILL STATE	12/3 P.M.
FEB. 8	CALHOUN	12/3 P.M.
FEB. 14	CALHOUN	12/3 P.M.
FEB. 16	OLNEY CENTRAL**	11 A.M.
FEB. 16	JOHN WOOD**	1:30 P.M.
FEB. 20	HOLMES	12 P.M.
FEB. 20	PEARL RIVER^	3 P.M.
FEB. 24	SNEAD STATE	12/2 P.M.
FEB. 28	NORTHEAST^^	2 P.M.
FEB. 28	NORTHWEST	5 P.M.
MAR. 2	NORTHWEST-SHOALS	4 P.M.
MAR. 5	COAHOMA	11:30 A.M.
MAR. 5	EAST CENTRAL	5:30 P.M.
MAR. 9	MERIDIAN*	2/5 P.M.
MAR. 13	HOLMES*	2/5 P.M.
MARCH 16	GULF COAST*	2/5 P.M.
MARCH 19	COAHOMA	1/4 P.M.
MARCH 23	PEARL RIVER*	2/5 P.M.
MARCH 26	NORTHEAST*	3/6 P.M.
MARCH 29	SOUTHWEST*	2/5 P.M.
APRIL 2	SNEAD STATE	2/4 P.M.
APRIL 6	CO-LIN*	2/5 P.M.
APRIL 9	EAST MISSISSIPPI*	2/5 P.M.
APRIL 13	EAST CENTRAL	2/5 P.M.
APRIL 17	DELTA	1/4 P.M.
APRIL 20	HINDS	2/5 P.M.
APRIL 24	NORTHWEST*	3/6 P.M.
APRIL 27	JONES*	2/5 P.M.

HOME
AWAY

* MACCC GAMES
** AT MILLINGTON, TENN. ^ AT GOODMAN
^^ AT SENATOBIA

MAY 4-6	REGION 23 BEST-OF-THREE SERIES
MAY 15-19	REGION 23 TOURNAMENT
MAY 28-JUNE 1	NJCAA DII CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNEY

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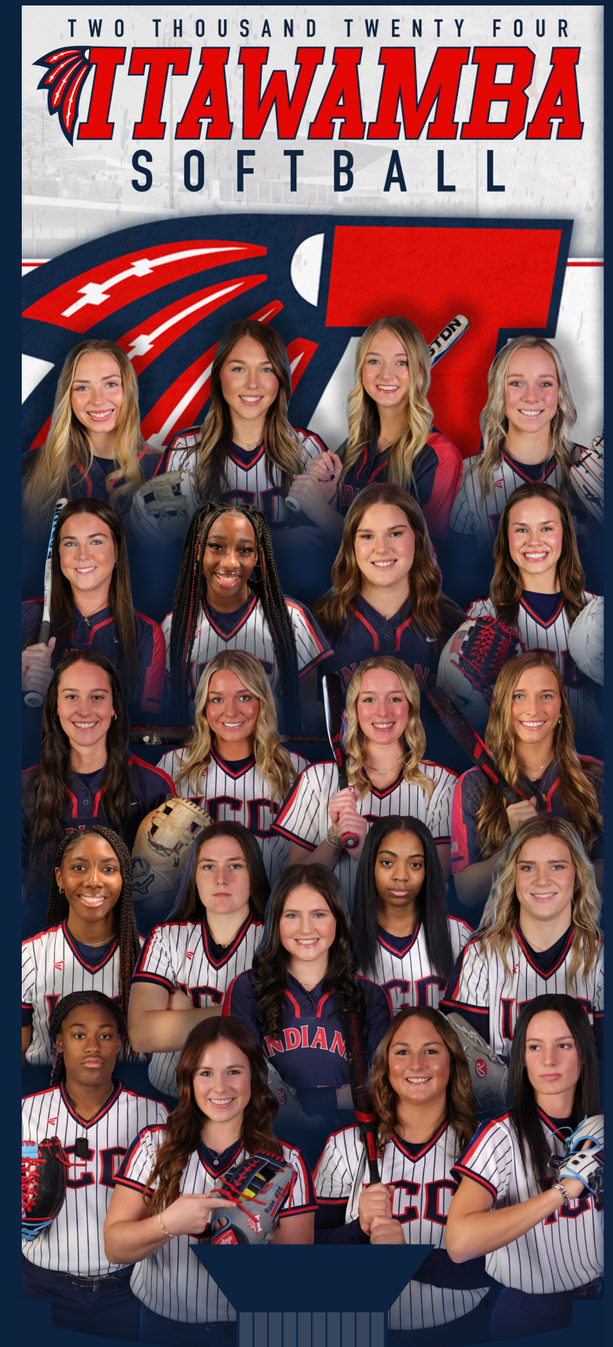
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FOUR

ITAWAMBA SOFTBALL



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2/2	PENSACOLA STATE	5 P.M.
2/3	NW FLORIDA STATE	12/2 P.M.
2/9	WABASH VALLEY^^	11 A.M./1 P.M.
2/14	WALLACE STATE	12/2 P.M.
2/17	KASKASKIA^	1/3 P.M.
2/18	SOUTH SUBURBAN^	12/2 P.M.
2/20	SNEAD STATE	2/4 P.M.
2/22	FRONTIER^^	12 P.M.
2/23	MOTLOW STATE^^	11 A.M.
2/23	FRONTIER^^	2:30 P.M.
3/1	NORTHWEST-SHOALS	2/4 P.M.
3/3	DES MOINES AREA	12 P.M.
3/3	WALLACE STATE	6 P.M.
3/5	CALHOUN	1/3 P.M.
3/8	MERIDIAN*	1/3 P.M.
3/13	HOLMES*	2/4 P.M.
3/15	GULF COAST*	2/4 P.M.
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3/23	PEARL RIVER*	12/2 P.M.
3/26	NORTHEAST*	5/7 P.M.
3/29	SOUTHWEST*	1/3 P.M.
4/2	CALHOUN	1/3 P.M.
4/6	CO-LIN*	2/4 P.M.
4/9	EAST MISSISSIPPI*	2/4 P.M.
4/13	EAST CENTRAL*	2/4 P.M.
4/17	MISSISSIPPI DELTA*	1/3 P.M.
4/20	HINDS*	1/3 P.M.
4/21	LSU EUNICE	2/4 P.M.
4/24	NORTHWEST*	3/5 P.M.
4/27	JONES*	3/5 P.M.

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^ AT TUPELO | ^^ AT BOONEVILLE
4/21 (AT WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY)

4/29	NJCAA REGION 23 PLAY-IN ROUND
5/2-4	NJCAA REGION 23 TOURNAMENT
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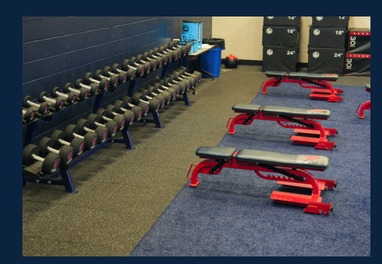
SPRING ATHLETICS

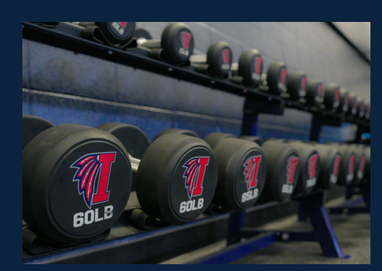
ATHLETIC FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

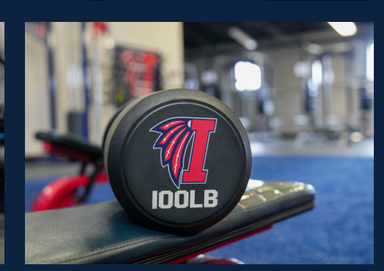
An anonymous $100,000 gift is making possible an extensive expansion and upgrade to the ICC athletics weight room.

The project included expansion of the existing space, new paint and new flooring, including a turfed section. New logoed graphics and branding were installed throughout the room, as well as new power racks, weights, logoed dumbbells, pylo boxes and other workout and training equipment. Student-athletes will also benefit from a new refrigerated cooler stocked with protein shakes.

In a separate project, the ICC football locker rooms also underwent a renovation prior to the 2023 season. Upgrades and improvements included the creation of a players' lounge, expanded space and new paint, lighting, flooring and logoed graphics and branding.







"The project will benefit all 11 of ICC's intercollegiate athletics as well as the cheer team."

DR. CHAD CASE
ICC ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

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The Indian Club supports Itawamba Community College's athletics. Through its efforts, more than 200 male and female student-athletes have the opportunity not only to represent the Indians in competition, but also to receive an unparalleled education that will develop them into leaders of tomorrow.

Gifts to the Indian Club provide funds to enable our student-athletes to participate in projects above and beyond the current budgets. With reductions in federal and state budgets, the support of the fundraising efforts through alumni, friends and former athletes has become more necessary than ever.

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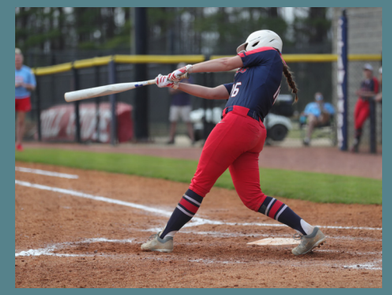

ATHLETIC ALUMNI

SOCCER AND VOLLEYBALL

The ICC Foundation, Inc. partnered with ICC's Recruiting office last fall for its Tuition Toss scholarship competition.

Contests were held at eight district high school football games and one ICC football game. Future ICC students competed by throwing footballs into giant inflatable Dr. Pepper cans. The ICC Foundation, Inc. provided $1,550 to fund a scholarship from the high school game contests, and Dr. Pepper provided another $500 scholarship for the winner at the ICC game. ICC's winner of the scholarship was Nevaeh Morris of Aberdeen, who will join ICC's family this fall. The winner of the $1,550 scholarship from the ICC Foundation was Jaheim Brownlee of Houston. ICC appreciates our partners at Tupelo Coca-Cola Bottling Works who provided the inflatable Dr. Pepper cans and football.

IN MEMORY OF

BETTY COLE

Former Itawamba Community College First Lady Betty Darby Cole died Oct. 24, 2023 at the North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo.

According to her obituary, Cole enjoyed "any opportunity to work with youth through mentorship. She did so through years of work at the First United Methodist Church (in Batesville) with Rev. Ed Woodall and giving guidance and support to many young coed students at Itawamba Community College."

"I had many mentors at ICC that I cherish, but I will say that the two people who were truly part of shaping me as a person were Mrs. Betty and Dr. David Cole," said 2023 ICC Young Alumnus of the Year Linkie Badenhorst Marais in a 2016 article in Connection magazine. "They are still dear friends of mine, and I will always be grateful for all the mentoring, coaching and love they showed me while I was at ICC and still to this day."

Cole became First Lady in January 1993, when her husband became the fourth President of Itawamba Community College. They moved to Fulton from "Miss Betty's" birthplace, Batesville, where Dr. Cole served for nearly two decades as Superintendent of the South Panola School District.

In addition to Dr. Cole, she is survived by three sons, one daughter and 11 grandchildren, who affectionately called her Gran.

IN MEMORIAM

Melanie Lynn Brett Baughman, *Shannon, 7.7.23*

Claudia Lynette Partlow Brown, *Plantersville, 9.5.23*

Betty Darby Cole, *Saltillo, former ICC First Lady, 10.24.23*

Jackie Michele Crawford, *Mooreville, 8.12.23*

Howard Posey Crump, *Saltillo, 8.27.23*

John Walter Dolusic, *Kansas City, Kansas, 12.4.23*

Sandra Lynn Koenig Fears, *Amory, 8.26.23*

Ruth Fitts, *Tupelo, widow of former BSU director Ulvie Fitts, 1.1.24*

Coach Philip Gene Flynn, *Starkville, 7.6.23*

Sandra Heard Ford, *Pensacola, Fla., former art instructor, 11.10.23*

Charity Lea Young Gallop, *Amory, 8.21.23*

Ronald Thomas "Ronny" Gibson, *Tupelo 8.28.23*

Thomas Clifton Hodges, *Columbus, 10.8.23*

W.D. Holcomb, *Smithville, 5.4.23*

Patricia Weaver Hood, *Tupelo 9.8.23*

Deanna Lynn Owens Houston, *Fulton, 8.15.23*

Drucilla Tate ("Dru") Jolly, *Shannon, former instructor, 12.25.23*

Greg Jolly, *Tupelo, 9.11.23*

Jim Monroe Long, *Friendship, 4.12.23*

Shelby McCullar, *Pontotoc, former employee, 3.16.23*

Kevin D. "Chief" McShan, *Belden, 8.28.23*

Teresa A. Neaves, *Saltillo, former instructor, 8.26.23*

Joyce Rutland Newell, *Tupelo, former instructor, 6.14.23*

Don Sheffield, *Oxford, former residence hall director, 12.7.23*

Mary Frances DeVaughn Sheffield, *Mantachie, 12.13.23*

Jane Threldkeld, Tupelo, *daughter of ICC first president Philip A. Sheffield, 12.6.23*

Anna Katherine Barnes Vaughn, *Amory, 8.4.23*

Mary Lou Smith Walden, *Tupelo, member of the first IJC graduating class, 10.5.23*

Susan Yeoman, Saltillo, *former adjunct English instructor (Tupelo), 11.30.23*

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